

The Avalanche.

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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

As long as there shall be a surviving soldier of the Union army, he will be entitled to the right of way and a front seat on all occasions. —*Indianapolis Journal.*

"Thousands of vessels lie idle in the London docks and the Indian mail steamers are delayed by the strike of the dock laborers, while mounted police patrol the streets." — "We suppose the *Democrat* will lay the cause of this strike to the protective tariff of this country."

The free trade organs are mute upon the fact that the Bethlehem, Pa. Iron company the other day raised its puddler's wages from \$3.25 to \$3.80 per day, and made a proportional advance to all of its employees. As the tariff is charged with all reductions of wages, why not set this down to its credit. —*Blade.*

That Mississippi judge is the same one who has presided in Marion county for several years. He is hot-footed after the prize-fighters. During the past two years twenty-two colored men have been shot down and killed in the county, and no grand jury has ever investigated the cases. Indeed, one of the Mississippians who had charge of the police arrangements at the prize-fight was pointed out to the Northern sports, with all his revolver, as a man who had "killed a dozen niggers" in two years. —*Terre Haute Express.*

"Our Panegyrists in Blue." This is the sympathetic heading of an editorial article in the *Washington News and Courier*, which begins with the astonishing declaration: "The intelligent and patriotic people of the North are becoming very tired of the old soldier element." Again: "He appears in all the party platforms; is the special subject of Congressional legislation, is regarded as a potent factor in all political contests, is given the post of honor on public occasions, and takes all the money he can get for the service which he rendered when he was fighting or running, twenty-five years ago, for principle."

Shirriff Black of New York city is illustrating afresh the character of the men that the current democratic party places at the head of affairs. His wife owned less than two weeks ago that she was a divorced woman. She had made no application for a divorce, yet a suit was formally brought before Judge Bookstaver, a democrat of course, the case sent to a referee, and other democratic testimony taken in which Black confessed to the charge of adultery ostensibly made by his wife, and the referee's report received and noted upon by the judge and a decree granted. And all this was done so secretly that it has only just come out. What a commentary on the sort of men the democratic party has no hesitation in putting into the highest public positions. —*Detroit Tribune.*

The Pioneer Picnic.

No more beautiful day could have been selected than was presented for the occasion. Early in the morning the people began to arrive from nearly all parts of the county, and the scene at the grounds was one of pleasure and joyful greeting.

As our band is at present disintegrated, Mr. R. Hanson, President, had arranged for the Gaylord City Band for the occasion, and as they could not arrive till noon, he further arranged for Marvin Post, G. A. R., Wagner Camp, S. V. and the W. R. C. to meet them at the depot and march to the grounds, where dinner was ready and waiting.

To describe a dinner gotten up by the people of Crawford county, needs only to say that there was an abundance of everything to tempt the appetite, and most elegantly arranged, and fully enjoyed by the large crowd. A resolution by the band called the assembly to order. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Taylor, and President Hanson welcomed the pioneers in a happy speech. He was followed by a few cursory remarks by the editor of the *Avalanche*, a pithy speech by Hon. Jno. Golden, of West Boy City, which we print in another column, and an oration by J. Maurice Finn, who assured one people that his absence from our midst was but temporary, as he anticipated a future residence here, which statement was received with marked applause.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, O. Palmer; Sec., Geo. W. Jove; Treas., Wm. Woodburn, The Vice-Presidents of the several townships were continuing another year. The Picnic was a success, being the largest and most pleasant ever held in the county.

Our people were disappointed in not meeting Gov. Luce, at the Picnic, but they were gratified by the eloquence of Messrs. Golden and Finn. The Gov. would have been present had he received notice prior to being engaged at Pontiac that day.

ADDRESS OF HON. JOHN GOLDEN, OF WEST BOY CITY.

AT THE PIONEER PICNIC, AUG. 23.

MY FRIENDS—If you had asked me to come up here and talk of politics, or if you had invited me to make a speech, I should not have come, but when you said come and talk about old times and early days, I could not say no.

We find in the Dictionary, that, the verb Pioneer, means to go before, and prepare the way for the main Pioneer, or which originally meant a foot soldier, or a foot passenger, or one who goes before to remove obstructions, or to prepare the way for others. How fully we who have been pioneers, appreciate and understand these technical definitions of the word, and yet how incomplete and imperfect they are. Foot passengers indeed we were. It is easier to walk than to ride, but, whether it was or not, we walked. The few household goods we owned, the spinning-wheel, and the family oven filled the wagon, and mother and children chinked into the spare places, and the dog walked. Preparers of the way indeed we were; the roads we built, the log bridges we threw across the streams we did not destroy, but left for those who were to come after. The pioneer was unselfish, he cared not whether friend or foe was behind him, if he could make it more easy he was glad of it. He felt he was in partnership with the world, "A fellow feeling made him wondrous kind." He was the advance guard of an army countless in numbers, irresistible in its power, an army that knew no such word as fail, and listened to no order of retreat. The Pioneer was a child of progress, he looked up, not down, "Forward and not back." Behind was the past, before him was the future. He felt that the wise men came from the east, and took courage. The needle of his compass always pointed westward, and he followed it.

Our Pioneer dreamed dreams, and saw visions. He dreamed of the old home on the hillside of New England, or the quiet valley of New York, of grey haired father and mother, watching from the low doorway the departing children, or perchance sleeping in the village church yard, perhaps of smaller, greener, ingunds cowering his John or Kate, or of the country church where theologic dust knocked from the pulpit cushion, in the old orthodox way, had so often closed, his eyes on a drowsy Sunday afternoon, of the spelling class or singing school where he first met the country lass.

Had tied the young man's heart within, and kept it tied forever after. His dreams were of yesterday, his visions were of to-morrow. He foresaw hard work, hard times, battles and heart-ache. Blue days and weary nights, but he saw in the dim future the town, the village, the city, the county, the state and empire of itself. He saw thousands of homes and hundreds of thousands of owners happy, happy prosperous people. He saw schools and churches, factories and fertile fields, institutions of science and learning. He saw capital and labor, brain and body, mind and muscle, all employed in the advancement of civilization, and permanent improvement of mankind, and all of this was the part and parcel. What visions were these, do you wonder that the pioneer was a pioneer, brave, cheerful and faithful.

Though these visions are grand, the realization is grander still. He saw it better than he knew. But abundant faith in the future, as the motto of the State. If then seekest a beautiful peninsula behold it here, and thanks to strong right arm, courageous heart, we do behold it, covered with quiet villages, thriving cities, fruitful fields and blooming orchards, dotted all over with happy homes, with schools and colleges, churches and public institutions, that tell the story of civilization. Grand in its conception, and mighty in its progress. This is the handiwork of the pioneer, and the ripening crop of the white covered wagon. We look back to the old times, and, so they were, full hearts, and empty purses, hard work and plenty of it. Shivering ague and wasting fever were the common lot of our early settlers. Yet they had their share of good times too, and were free from any plague that annoys our children. Hard money and soft money were not debatable questions. You may remember the story of the man, who, when he heard that the bank of Constantinople had failed, said his heart came into his mouth when he heard of it, and rushed home to the bureau drawer, when he hadn't any Constantinian money, or any other sort; he was a pioneer. Butter and eggs were pin money, wheat paid the storekeeper, sleigh length-knotty wood that would not make fence rails, paid the minister. Trade, this was the order of the day the necessity of the time, and so we traded, dickered and swapped, exchanging products, and helping one another. And while the outside world Banker, talked of stocks, values, politicians quarreled over tariff and free trade, and statesmen wrote of the laws of trade, of corporations, monopolies, finance, and so somehow or other, in our trading and dickered we managed to get a little better off from year to year.

Quarrelsome school meetings were unknown in those days, we never fought over the question whether we should build a three story schoolhouse with a basement, or a four story one without; or whether we should put a cupola or a mortgage on it. We built our log school house, set our teacher at work, and banded him around the neighborhood. The religious life of the pioneer was free from sectarianism, the itinerant minister doing his master's work was always welcome to home, and hearthstone, and the school-house was always open to him regardless of his creed. He baptised, married and buried and asked no question and got but few fees. The different schools of medicine let the pioneer kindly alone. The Boneset, Wormwood, Pennyroyal and Catnip that hung on the chimney breast, or the rafters in the roof, were common enough but if when called in the hard worked, poorly paid, patient and jolly doctor, we did not question pathy, or his diploma, it may have been parchment, or paper from a college on earth, or no man's land, but we were sure his pills would be big enough and we could safely trust his Jalap, and Cream of Tartar, his Calomel, and Quinine. Questions of domestic economy, and home discipline, that do worry the best of us now days, gave the pioneer but little trouble, no dispute could be gotten up over the pattern of the parlor carpet, for they hadn't any, or if they had it was of rags. The fashion plates did not reach the woods in those days, and Jane's bonnet and Charlie's coat were warm, regardless of style, until they were worn out, and then they were made over for the young children. Who called first, and who called last, and who owed calls were not debatable questions with our mothers: they visited when they had time and wanted to, and when they did not they stayed at home. Insurance agents did not worry the pioneer, his log house was fire proof. Patent right peddlers hunted him not, for necessity made him his own inventor. Lightning rod agents, smoothed tongued and oily, let him alone as lightning had no terrors for him. The had not been born to trouble the souls of our mothers. Mellifluous melodeons were not set up in the parlor on trial. The robins and the frogs, the orioles and the owls, made music enough for him. The height and color, the architecture and structure of the first house gave us no uneasiness, it was built of logs anyway. If we were inclined to be extravagant, we painted the door and window casings red, making the paint of buttermilk and brickdust. Farmers planted these colonies, all of them, and organized their governments. They were farmers of Vermont. Farmers who captured the Fortress of Montezuma, and accepted its capitulation in the name of the great Jehovah, and the continental congress and thus gave over the first fortified post to the cause of the revolution. They were farmers who checked British power at Saratoga, and broke it in pieces like a potter's vessel at Yorktown. They were farmers who recognized the several states, and the several governments, and established them on the principles of equality and affiliation. In every state, and in the whole union they constitute the broad electoral faculty, and by the preponderating suffrage, the vast and complex machine is perpetually kept sustained and kept in regular motion, and operation. That it is in the main, well administered, that it might be better administered, our perpetual and intemperate need for change fully proves. That it is administered, no better, results from what? From the fault of the electors' body. The more intelligent and patriotic they become the more effective will be their control, and the wiser their directions of the government. Is there not room? Nay is there not need for more activity, energy, and efficiency, on their part, for their own security and welfare. In the federal government commerce has its minister, and each department the law its organ and representative, and the arts their commissioner and bureau, but the vast interest of agriculture has only a single desk, and a subordinate clerk, in the basement of the patent office. It is scarcely better in the states, an empty character of incorporation, with a scanty endowment, constitutes substantially all that has been done for agriculture. Gentlemen, I like not that it should be so, our nation is sailing forward in a high career exposed to sharks and dangers.

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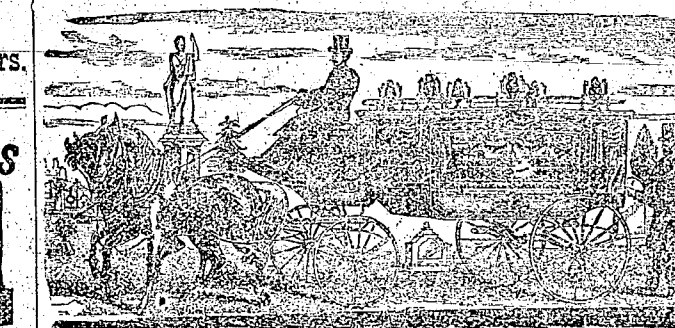
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A NEWSY MELANGE

DOINGS OF OUR NEIGHBORS AT HOME AND ABROAD

Events of Interest and Importance in Every Quarter of the Globe, Religious Intelligence, Crimes and Cavillities, Industrial Notes, Personal Mention

DISASTERS IN CHINA

Thousands of Lives Lost in the Oriental Kingdom.

A San Francisco dispatch says: The steamer *Genoa* has arrived from Hong Kong and Yokohama, bringing news to Aug. 10. Further details of the bursting of the Yellow River embankment, in the province of Shantung, July 22, state that the destruction is widespread. The breach in the river is over 2,000 feet in length, and a swift current swept through, flooding to the depth of twelve feet a large extent of country lying adjacent. Many houses were washed away, and a dispatch from Chefoo states that the number of persons drowned is too great to be counted. Ten districts are too much inured, and it is feared that many more in the low-lying country south will suffer a similar fate. Latest advices concerning the earthquake at Kumamoto, July 28, place the number of the killed at eighteen and the wounded at nineteen. Fifty-two dwellings were demolished. A telegram on the 31st of July states that thirty shocks have been experienced and that they continue to be felt. The inhabitants were sleeping in the open air. The same earthquake was felt in the province of Chikugo. Considerable loss of life is reported, but no particulars have been received.

GATHERING THE HARVEST

The Weather Favorable for the Operations of the Farmers.

The weather report bulletin says: The weather has been favorable for harvesting in Minnesota, where an unusually large wheat crop has been secured. Late crops have been injured in Dakota by drought. For Pennsylvania, Iowa, and Illinois the weather is especially favorable for corn, which is maturing rapidly. In Michigan it has been unfavorable for corn potatoes and apples. Over the greater portion of Kansas and the western half of Missouri the corn crop is excellent, but in eastern Missouri the crop has been injured by drought. Numerous reports from the corn belt indicate that the crop will be secured from frost on Sept. 15. In the western Gulf States staple crops are much improved. The weather of the week has been generally favorable in New England and the Middle States.

BASE-BALL BATTERS

Standing of the Clubs That Are Contending for First Place.

The relative position of the various clubs that are contending for the pennant is shown by the annexed table:

National W. L.	94-10	Brooklyn	78-22
Pittsburgh	78-22	St. Louis	77-23
Philadelphia	76-24	Baltimore	75-25
Chicago	74-26	Cleveland	73-27
Pittsburgh	72-28	Cincinnati	71-29
St. Louis	70-30	Washington	69-31
Boston	68-32	San Francisco	67-33
San Francisco	66-34	San Francisco	65-35
San Francisco	64-36	San Francisco	63-37
San Francisco	62-38	San Francisco	61-39
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San Francisco	16-84	San Francisco	15-85
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San Francisco	12-88	San Francisco	11-89
San Francisco	10-90	San Francisco	9-91
San Francisco	8-92	San Francisco	7-93
San Francisco	6-94	San Francisco	5-95
San Francisco	4-96	San Francisco	3-97
San Francisco	2-98	San Francisco	1-99
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GOVERNMENT OFFICES

A Few Successful Applicants for Places.

The following appointments have been made:

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